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This patent application presently includes Claims 5 and 9-13, of which Claims 9 and 10 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, Claims 11-13 are newly added, and Claim 5 is restored and currently amended. Claim 5 is restored and was previously rejected. Claim 5 is amended to define the applicant's invention more clearly, and Claim 9 is rewritten in independent form without amendment. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 9 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. It has now been so rewritten without amendment and is in condition for allowance. Claim 9 was a broadened version of original Claim 5.

Claim 10 depends from Claim 9 and is allowable based upon its dependence from an allowable claim.

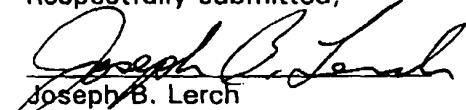
New Claims 11-13 are submitted to define further aspects of the invention which were not previously claimed with respect to the subject matter of Claim 9. In as much as these claims depend from an allowable claim, they are in condition for allowance.

Claim 5 has been reinstated and amended for clarity to define a plurality of transmitting fibers, receiving fibers and mirrors, where there is a respective receiving fiber and mirror for each transmitting fiber, and each transmitting fiber, with its respective receiving fiber and mirror forms a group attenuating a respective optical signal. A semiconductor wafer is also arranged

paralleled to the groups. This claim is believed to be allowable for the same reason as Claim 9.

Applicant's attorney has made every effort to place this patent application in condition for allowance. It is therefore earnestly requested that the application, as a whole, receive favorable reconsideration and that all of the claims be allowed as presently constituted. Should there remain any unanswered questions, the examiner is requested to call the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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